

GARIBOLDI'S LOS MIT COOGAN, PRESIDENT OF MANHATTAN BOROUGH.

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SURPRISE PARTY FOR HIM.

Mr. Croker and Others Decide
on Him at an Early Mor-
ning Conference.

James J. Coogan is now President of the Borough of Manhattan. He was unanimously elected by the Municipal Assembly yesterday as successor to the late Augustus W. Peters, and took the oath of office late in the afternoon. Mayor Van Wyck, who administered the oath, afterward seized Mr. Coogan's hand, said "I wish you luck," and the newcomer immediately took the chair vacated by his predecessor.

"The first intimation I received that I was to be President of the Borough of Manhattan," said President Coogan to a Journal reporter just after he had qualified, "was when a friend offered his congratulations to me as I was walking down Exchange place this afternoon. The offer came to me as a surprise. I had had no consultations with Richard Croker, Mayor Van Wyck or any of the leaders about it. I shall try and prove as good an official as my predecessor."

The selection of Mr. Coogan is charged up not only to Mr. Croker's personal esteem for him, but to Andrew Friedman, who has been associated with Mr. Coogan



And Lo! He Wins a Crown at Last!



James J. Coogan, New Borough President.

At a meeting of the Municipal Council yesterday, Mr. Coogan was unanimously elected to succeed the late Augustus W. Peters as President of the Borough of Manhattan.

for years in baseball and the Polo Grounds. Mr. Coogan was decided upon at a conference held very early yesterday morning at the Democratic Club, at which Mr. Croker, Mayor Van Wyck, John P. Carroll and Mr. Friedman were present.

When Vice-President John T. Oakley was asked to place him in nomination, and Alphonse Thomas McCall was requested to second it, both were astonished, as they had expected to see James J. Martin, John Fox, James W. Boyle, Bartow S. Weeks, James B. Dunne, or indeed about any one else than Coogan, determined upon.

There was no opposition, even by the Republican members of the Assembly, it required less than five minutes to call the roll, and everybody voted for Coogan. As Mayor Van Wyck, who presided at the function, descended from his perch, he exclaimed jokingly: "Is it a great deal of 'was' for me to call Coogan?"

Friends of Mr. Coogan paraphrased the "Was it for me to call Coogan?" which was the slogan in the Mayoralty canvass of 1888, to "Nichts ist los mit Coogan."

This reference was to the great contest eleven years ago, in which Mr. Coogan was elected to the Assembly against Hugh J. Grant, Tammany; Abraham S. Hewitt, Independent Democrat; and Joel B. Edwards, Republican. In that campaign Mr. Coogan got less than 10,000 votes. Since 1888 he has been a member of Tammany Hall and has spent a good deal of time abroad with Mr. Croker.

He sought to have Mr. Croker run for Mayor in 1887 and went abroad, hoping to induce him to do so.

Mr. Croker has now shown his appreciation of Mr. Coogan's good will.

Mr. Coogan is a native of this city, having been born here about fifty years ago. After leaving the common school he became a reporter under the late Erasmus Brooks on the then New York Express. He afterward represented the paper at Washington. Later in life he established a furniture business and made a fortune out of it. This enabled him to retire, and he has not been in active business since. His home is at No. 588 Fifth avenue. He is a member of the Democratic, Manhattan and Press clubs.

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MRS. VERMEULE HELD ON A NEW CHARGE.

She Denies a Detective's Statement
Dramatically and Goes to the
Tombs.

Mrs. Louise Vermeule, who was arrested two weeks ago on the charge of having, in connection with Henry P. Crocker, a Greenwich street druggist, flooded the city with worthless drafts, was again arraigned in the Centre Street Police Court yesterday. She was held with Crocker in \$4,000 each on complaint of Rogers, Peet & Co., of Thirty-second street and Broadway, that Mrs. Vermeule obtained clothing for her son and \$7 for a worthless draft, drawn to the order of Mrs. Richard Williams for \$34, and signed by Crocker.

Crocker was indicted, but the woman was sent back to the Tombs.

During the examination Detective Money and Connor swore Mrs. Vermeule admitted to them that Crocker had engaged her to do the paper, which she knew to be bad.

As she was leaving the court Mrs. Vermeule denied this charge somewhat dramatically, holding up her hand and swearing by "the future of her child," and called upon Connor to swear "on the honor of his mother" to the statement.

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NO GREAT FORTUNE IN PRIZE MONEY.

Spanish Ships Captured in
West Indies Worth Only
\$900,000.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Attorney-General Griggs recently called for a report from each of the courts in which the prize cases have been tried as to the disposition of the vessels captured by the United States during the war in West Indian waters.

The result was tabulated to-day, giving the date of the capture, the name of the vessel and the amount of money realized from the sale.

| The table is as follows: | | |
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| Date of Capture. | Name of Vessel. | Prize Money realized from sale. |
| April, 1862. | Str. Buena Ventura. | \$12,200. |
| May, 1862. | Str. Pedro. | 200,000. |
| June, 1862. | Str. Matilda. | 7,000. |
| July, 1862. | Str. Concha. | 1,000. |
| Aug., 1862. | Str. Santa Rosa. | 7,116. |
| Sept., 1862. | Str. Panama. | 55,523. |
| Oct., 1862. | Str. Pampa. | 1,000. |
| Nov., 1862. | Str. Pinar. | 1,070. |
| Dec., 1862. | Str. Ambrosia Bolivar. | 13,108. |
| Jan., 1863. | Str. Guadalupe. | 13,108. |
| Feb., 1863. | Str. Eugenia. | 11,000. |
| Mar., 1863. | Str. Hermanos. | 4,100. |
| Apr., 1863. | Str. Santa Rosa. | 7,116. |
| May, 1863. | Str. Sestimbre. | 4,100. |
| June, 1863. | Str. Argonauta. | 47,000. |
| July, 1863. | Str. Mascotte. | 426. |
| Aug., 1863. | Str. Pinar. | 1,070. |
| Sept., 1863. | Str. Suarez. | 1,260. |
| Oct., 1863. | Str. Fragata. | 21,857. |
| Nov., 1863. | Str. Oriente. | 1,000. |
| Dec., 1863. | Str. Pedro de Dios. | 1,000. |
| Jan., 1864. | Str. Fernando. | 1,000. |
| Feb., 1864. | Str. Corvato. | 22,800. |
| Mar., 1864. | Str. Espana. | 1,210. |
| Apr., 1864. | Str. Rita. | 125,000. |
| May, 1864. | Str. Corvato. | 22,800. |
| June, 1864. | Str. Severo. | 1,000. |
| July, 1864. | Str. Carlos F. Jones. | 8,000. |
| Aug., 1864. | Str. Bonifacio (cgo). | 1,241. |
| Sept., 1864. | Str. Twochwak (cgo). | 2,343. |
| Oct., 1864. | Str. Amashok. | 1,969. |
| Nov., 1864. | Str. Dolores. | 1,870. |
| Dec., 1864. | Str. Galito. | 751. |
| Jan., 1865. | Str. Galito. | 751. |